within India without any fees to the Research Centre.

M/s. Schlumberger are the pioneers in the field of logging operations and development of new logging techniques and software. They have been conducting logging operations for ONGC, with specific logging tools and sensors developed by them, for about 25 years in various areas and have been found very effective. Several new advances with the equipment and data processing and interpretation techniques have recently been developed by them. These have been found to throw new light on several problems of reservoir detection and evaluation in Indian fields.

Announcement by Prime Minister in Mizoram during elections

27. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Election Commission of India had asked the Government to clarify some of the announcements made by the prime Minister in Mizoram and some other States regarding Central help and grants when he was there on an election campaign;

(b) if so, what were the clarifications received and whether it violates the Code of Conduct expected to be observed during elections; and

(c) the follow-up action taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARD-WAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the clarifications which had so far been received by the Election Commission indicate that there had been no violation of the Model Code of Conduct.

(c) Does not arise.

Investment in Central and State Government Public Sector Projects

28. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of. INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central and State Government Public Sector Projects and the total investment so involved; and

(b) the average annual net profit/ Joss due to these projects in each of the last 3. plan periods and also in each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER) OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K, K. TEWARY): (a) As per the Public Enterprises Survey 1985-86, placedon the Table of the House on the27th February, 1987 the total investment in 225 central public enterprises as on 31. 3. 1986 amounted to Rs. 50341 erores. State Government undertakings do not come under the purview of the Central Government.

(b) Yearwise information regarding net profit/loss of the Central Public enterprises is available in the Public Enterprises Surveys of the respective years placed on the Table of the House.

Direct election for Chief Executive

29. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey

conducted by the press that 3 out of every 5 voters favour choosing India's Chief Executive in a Direct election to ensure better control and performance and that Chief Executive of the States also to be elected in the same manner; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARD-WAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Voting rights

30. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of granting voting rights to those who have attained the age of 18 years has been under the consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, for how long and what are the details of the steps so far taken in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN •THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARD-WAJ): (a) and (b) The question of reducing the voting age to 18. years has been under consideration for over a decade. After taking into account all the aspects of the matter, Government have come to the conclusion that it is not practicable or advantageous to lower the voting age for some time. However, this matter is also likely to be discussed with the political parties as part of the general proposals for electoral reforms. Vacancies of Judges in High Courts

31. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state;

(a) how many vacancies of Judges are required to be filled up at present indicating the names of the High Courts and the date on which each of these vacancies arose; and

(b) how many posts of additional Judges were created during the last two years and in which High "Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND. JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Statement I showing the position is attached (See below).

(b) Statement II showing the position is attached. (See below).

Statement I

As on 1-4-1987

S. No.	Name of the High Court	Vacancies of Judges vacancifcs m Cols. 3 Permanent	Additional	Date from which
1		3	4	5
1	Allahabad	5	6	15-10-1984
				1S-M-1984
				15-10-1984
				15-10-1984
				15-10-1984
				742-1985